(b) whether any representation has been sent to Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide more assistance to the State under the information education scheme and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development has no scheme on informal education. The programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, to achieve the goal of universalisation of elementary education, is being implemented in the country, including in Uttar Pradesh, which *inter alia* provides flexible strategies for children in difficult circumstances. The following assistance have been given to Uttar Pradesh for such activities during the last three years against their Annual Work Plans:

2003-04	Rs. 923.73 lakhs
2004-05	Rs. 1003.00 lakhs
2005-06	Rs. 2919.00 lakhs

(b) and **(c)** Does not arise.

Private engineering colleges

725. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private engineering colleges functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Ail India Council for Technical Education monitors functioning of these private engineering colleges in respect of quality of education, worthiness of teachers and laboratory and other infrastructure! facilities;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF **HUMAN** RESOURCE **DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI** ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The State-wise

number of private self-financing engineering colleges approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for the year 2004-05 is given at Statement. (See below)

(b) to (d) AICTE monitors the quality in private technical institutions by conducting periodic inspections. It is verified through the Expert Committee Visits that the infrastructure, faculty and other resources available in the technical institutions are as per norms and standards laid down by AICTE.

While processing proposals for the academic year 2005-06, major emphasis has been laid on the requirement of faculty as per AICTE norms. This has resulted in sensitization of the institutions to the need for quality focus.

Further, the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) under AICTE accredits approved institutions after a systematic assessment against prescribed set of parameters. Some of the other initiatives include the Research and Institutional Development, Faculty Development and Networking Schemes.

Statement

Statewise number of Private Self Financing Engineering Colleges approved by AICTE for the year 2004-05

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of Private Self-financing Engineering Colleges
1.	Madhya Pradesh	49
2.	Chhattisgarh	8
3.	Gujarat	17
4.	Mizoram	0
5.	Sikkim	0
6.	West Bengal	36
7.	Tripura	0
8.	Meghalaya	1
9.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
10.	Andaman & Nicobar	0

SI.	State/Union Territory No.	No. of Private Self-financing Engineering Colleges
11.	Assam	0
12.	Manipur	0
13.	Nagaiand	0
14.	Orissa	33
15.	Jharkhand	4
16.	Bihar	4
17.	Uttar Pradesh	64
18.	Uttaranchal	4
19.	Chandigarh	0
20.	Haryana	31
21.	Jammu & Kashmir	3
22.	New Delhi	8
23.	Punjab	34
24.	Rajasthan	36
25.	Himachal Pradesh	3
26.	Andhra Pradesh	231
27.	Pondicherry	5
28.	Tamil Nadu	235
29.	Karnaiaka	102
30.	Kerala	55
31.	Lakshadweep	0
32.	Maharashtra	134
33.	Goa	2
34.	Daman &Diu	0
35.	Dadra Nagar Haveli	0
	TOTAL	1099